Transcontinental Railroad Webquest

You will be assigned a group. You will need to research the group and take notes. Make sure to include where you found the information.

**Group 1**

You are a Chinese-American worker between the years of 18  to 1869. Your task is to gather background information and write notes about your:

* daily life
* labor
* motive for immigrating to California
* skills

Once you have finished gathering background information you will answer the following questions:

1. Were the Chinese-Americans accepted in California?
2. Were their jobs of equal difficulty as other races?
3. Economically, how did their income compare to other important figures/groups of that time?
4. Did you experience any discrimination?

**Group 2**

You are a settler during 1862. Your task is to gather background information and write notes about:

* Homestead Act - why you came to California
* What was expected of you to do on your land
* What was daily life like for different groups of Homesteaders?

**Group 3**

You are a member of the Big Four. Your mission is to search for information and write notes regarding:

* who you are
* other than the ‘Big Four’ what were you known as
* where you came from
* what kind of job(s) you had before the Gold Rush began
* during the Gold Rush, what your job entailed

**Chinese Americans**

<http://cprr.org/Museum/Chinese.html>

<http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/historyonline/china1.cfm>

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/general-article/tcrr-cprr/>

**Settlers**

<http://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/homestead-act/>

<http://www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?flash=true&doc=31>

<http://www.pbs.org/weta/thewest/resources/archives/five/homestd.htm>

<http://www.beatricene.com/homestead/world.html>

**The "Big Four"**

http://cprr.org/Museum/Galloway4.html

[California State Railroad Museum](http://www.csrmf.org/doc.asp?id=279)

Information on:

1. [Leland Stanford](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leland_Stanford)
2. [Collis P. Huntington](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Collis_P._Huntington)
3. [Charles Crocker](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Crocker)
4. [Mark Hopkins](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mark_Hopkins_%28railroad%29)